

Liberty Theater closes its doors in September

In September, a local landmark closed, Washougal's city administrator moved on, and two of Camas' lakes closed due to potential health hazards.

Lights out at the Liberty

One of Camas' most well-known landmarks and entertainment stops closed in September.

Although operator Greg Wood had considered closing the business at least since August, he didn't make the final decision until the last minute.

"There was no warning," he said. "It was very fast, and that surprised a lot of people."

Wood leased the building, which is owned by Kirkland, Wash., residents Marilyn and Gary Webberley.

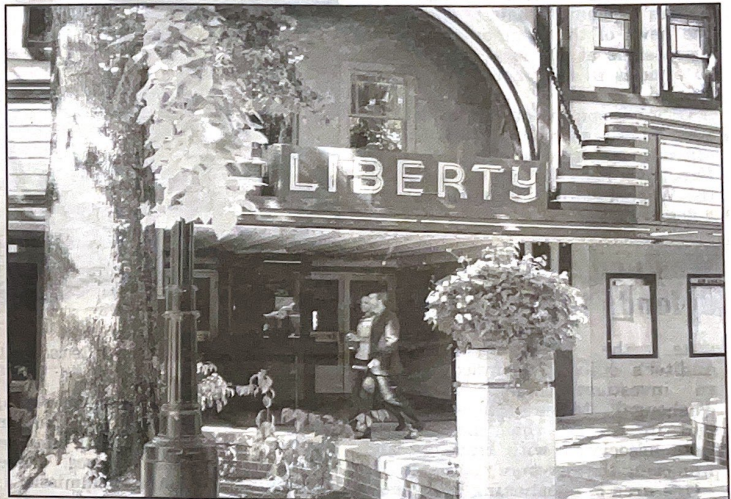
At the time of the closure, Marilyn Webberley said plans for the building are in the works.

"It won't be vacant for long," she said.

plumbing fixtures, improved ADA accessibility in certain units, and new kitchens.

The outside appearance of the property will also be improved, and complex's 90 residents can look forward to a new fenced-in playground, raised vegetable gardens, and a community room. With residents' input, a new name will also be chosen for the apartment community.

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Downtown Camas suffered a significant blow in September — the Liberty Theater closed its doors.

at Lacamas Lake and the adjoining Round Lake because of the elevated levels of the cyanobacteria. According to a press release, a young Labrador retriever owned by a Camas couple became acutely ill after swimming in Round Lake. The dog later died.

After additional testing revealed no toxins, just a week later the lakes were reopened.